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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

This letter is to express my support for the recent agreement reached between the Department of Justice and Microsoft. This proposed agreement has ended a long three-year court battle brought about by the Department of Justice against Microsoft. I have long felt that this antitrust suit was unfair. I believe if a person has the guts and intelligence to pursue his or her particular dream, they should not be punished if they achieve it. Thank you for working to settle this.

But beyond my personal feelings, it is best for the country to move on. As you know, Microsoft agreed to a number of provisions demanded from the Justice Department, and an oversight committee was formed which will monitor Microsoft. No more is needed. Therefore, the Department of Justice should not pursue this matter any further.

We are in a time of great stress in this country. We need to allocate our time and money to resolve the obvious problems at hand, not keeping arbitrating a settlement that has already been negotiated.

Sincerely,

Robert Brandt